

## CERT MINUTES (DRAFT)

May 16, 2007

Weare Safety Complex

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## OFFICERS

CERT Director Peter Buono

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## CERT MEMBERS

Douglas Alwine, Chris Boyko, Peter Buono, Lana Doughty, Karen Coulters, Alan Fronk, Corey Heath, Remi Lisee, Diane Lusardi, Paul Marsh, Linda West.

## CERT MEMBERS ATTENDING

Douglas Alwine, Rick Bagley, Chris Boyko, Corey Heath, Remi Lisee, Diane Lusardi, Paul Marsh.

## GUESTS

Kim Jepson

## ACTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

Minutes from April 2007 meeting were reviewed. First line in Discussion section was amended by deletion, as it was presented as an information item prior to the start of the meeting. Minutes were approved as amended.

Election of Officers: Offices open are Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Paul Marsh was nominated and elected to office of Vice Chair. Group decided that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer should be held open until next meeting, for the purpose of larger attendance.

Update the team on the CERT Association. Marsh described discussion of CCC regarding concerns of Selectmen and CCC, regarding purposes for collecting funds, to assure appropriate controls of funds acceptance and expenditure, etc. Further discussion among members about various agencies and organizations of similar purpose, which we might affiliate under their 501c3 status including an organization identified as AVERT, info about which was forwarded by Corey Heath to Peter Buono. Heath will investigate further.

Two Weare police officers stopped in for a few moments to express their appreciation for the assistance that Weare CERT gave during recent floods and other events. This was heartily welcomed by the CERT members.

Think of ways to raise funds. A wide-ranging discussion brought out a number of ideas regarding fund-raising, should a CERT Association be established. These included the need for CERT to become more well known in town, as well as the need for publicity about CERT and its capabilities, activities and service to Weare.

We also discussed the Weare Patriotic Days Celebration, and the role(s) CERT could play during that event. It was noted with some concern that there is only one meeting date (June 20th) left to prepare for this event.

A brainstorming elicited ideas and questions relevant to these two topics:

- a. active/Action photos of CERT during recent responses,
  - b. a group photo of the Team,
  - c. a booth at Patriotic Days Celebration,
  - d. a free drawing for fire extinguishers, safety kit, etc, if we can find some to be donated – drawing tickets would gather names and addresses of potential CERT members, those who would like to learn more about CERT, and gain valuable PR,
  - e. a CERT member has a 10' x 10' tent suitable for a booth,
  - f. magnets for refrigerators,
  - g. construct a “Spin-the-Wheel” for attracting the public – content/purpose to be determined,
  - h. display sample “go-kits” for household consideration,
- Peter sent note requesting that the group see who is available for July 6, 7 and 8 for Weare Patriotic Celebration: traffic and crowd control (and a booth?).

Members requested Peter to confer with Police Dept, for purpose of getting an early call-out (by June meeting) so we can plan for and schedule shifts and duties needed for Patriotic Days Celebration, and so that we can determine availability of CERT members for booth staffing.

Questions to be answered: Would electricity be available for booth? Will there be summer-weight reflectorized vests if CERT will be expected to do crowd/traffic control?

Presentation to Contoocook Valley Radio Club: Diane Lusardi reported on progress toward readiness for this presentation. She is nearing completion of visual

presentation, with Peter Buono assuring availability of equipment for presentation. She will call certain members for the purpose of a preliminary run-through and practice presentation prior to the June CERT meeting.

It was noted that the bicycle race planned for August 11 is canceled -- no further action is planned.

**NON-AGENDA DISCUSSION:**

Several members brought up need for the various sub-groups to begin action on their various responsibilities assigned earlier, as the same discussions seem to appear at the general monthly meetings, but these discussions take up the time of everyone, rather than just the people responsible for the individual topics. It was proposed that the June meeting be broken into two sections – the first for the sub-groups to meet, and then a general meeting to follow for full group topics.

Also, CERT needs to establish a long-range calendar of actions, so that appropriate preparations are made earlier than last-minute.

Meeting ended at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Marsh Vice Chair and acting minute-taker.